

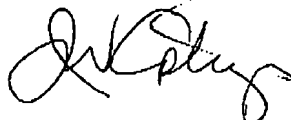
REMARKS

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 10 and 11 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been combined with claim 10 so that claim 1 is now original claim 10 in independent form. Claim 9 has been amended to combine it with claims 1, and 11 so that it is actually claim 11 in independent form. This because claim 11 was dependent on claim 9 which was dependent on claim 1. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled and the remaining claims are all dependent on amended claim 1 which, as noted above, is claim 10 in independent form. Since claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, it is believed that the claims that are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 are also allowable as they point out additional features that are not recited in claim 1.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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